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EXPANSION OF HIV SERVICES PROJECT  
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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

**Cluster Group Affiliation**—TCE HIV

**Congressional Districts Served**—New York 10<sup>th</sup>

**Purpose, Goals, and Objectives**—To reduce the spread of HIV among African American and Latina women substance abusers in Newark, New Jersey, Integrity Inc.'s TCE HIV program objectives are (1) to increase the number of treatment slots by 3,000 in six residential, day treatment, and outpatient substance abuse treatment programs, (2) to increase the number of HIV seropositive and seronegative women substance abusers in substance abuse treatment via outreach through churches to substance abusers on the street and on the waiting lists of treatment providers, (3) to increase (by 1,500) the number of female substance abusers who are tested for, identified as having, and treated for HIV/AIDS, and (4) to preserve and assist families of 80 percent of the female substance abusers served by the program.

**Target Population/Geographic Service Area**—The target population served by Integrity, Inc., is predominantly African American (55.8 percent) and Hispanic/Latina (26.1 percent) women who are IDUs. The geographic area served by Integrity, Inc. is Newark, New Jersey.

**Theoretical Model**—Integrity's TCE HIV program utilizes the therapeutic community model in both inpatient and outpatient treatment services. The program design is also based on research on HIV/AIDS and psychological stressors, on resiliency and protective factors, and on substance abuse treatment and its efficacy.

**Service Providers**—Integrity's TCE HIV program was initiated by a consortium of six residential, day treatment, and outpatient substance abuse treatment providers, the (WEBUS) Consortium, and a consortium of churches, the Newark-North Jersey Committee of Black Churchmen. The other five WEBUS providers are Newark Renaissance House, Daytop, CURA, SODAT, and Turning Point.

**Services Provided**—Outreach will be conducted by the churches involved in the Integrity, Inc., TCE HIV program. The churches will recruit clients from the streets and from the waiting lists of the WEBUS Consortium providers. Case managers and trained volunteer mentors at the three churches will provide pre-treatment orientation meetings, a structured therapeutic community environment, and (AA/NA) meetings. The WEBUS substance abuse treatment providers will provide HIV testing and referral to medical treatment, detoxification, inpatient and outpatient detoxification and treatment, sub-acute and residential methamphetamine detoxification, 7 days per week day treatment, halfway houses, urine testing, job readiness, job development, and job placement. Upon completion of treatment, the client will be referred to supporting agencies for aftercare services including medical care, post-treatment support, AA/NA meetings, housing assistance, peer support, relapse prevention support groups, urine testing, and job placement.

**Number of Persons Served**—The Integrity, Inc., program expects to reach 1,000 female substance abusers in each year for a total of 3,000 people in the three years.

**Desired Project Outputs**—The Integrity, Inc., program seeks to reduce the spread of HIV among African American and Latina women substance abusers in Newark. The program anticipates an increase in the number of HIV seropositive or seronegative female substance abusers who are in substance abuse treatment and who are tested for, identified with, and treated for HIV/AIDS. In addition, the program staff also expect

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to preserve and/or assist families of female substance abusers in Newark.

**Consumer Involvement**—The proposal stated that consumer involvement does not apply to the TCE HIV program.

## **EVALUATION**

**Strategy and Design**—The organization's approach to evaluation for this project is assessment of fidelity to the program plan.

**Evaluation Goals/Desired Results**—No evaluation goals are cited beyond the program's measurable process and outcome goals and objectives. The evaluation plan appears to be process oriented.

**Evaluation Questions and Variables**—No evaluation questions or variables are cited.

**Instruments and Data Management**—No instruments were cited. Integrity's evaluation will consist of frequencies and percentages of clients served, referred, in treatment, and tested for HIV. For data management, the substance abuse treatment consortium, the WEBUS Consortium/Connection Newark, will develop and maintain a computerized tracking system (i.e., the WEBUS database) to track every client from entry into the Integrity TCE HIV program. It was not clear what type of information will be tracked.

## **APPROVED FUNDING LEVEL**

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